IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

KENNEDY Atty. Ref.: 117-588; Confirmation No. 3725

Appl. No. 10/578,843 TC/A.U. 3635

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For: IMPROVED STRUCTURAL SANDWICH PLATE MEMBERS WITH FORMS

May 18, 2010

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

The following comments are intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated May 3, 2010, which sets a nominal response due date of June 3, 2010.

In response to the examiner's requirement for election presented in the Office Action, applicants hereby elect Species I and Species B, that is a structural sandwich plate member with a single layer of lightweight forms within the core, the forms being arranged in a hexagonal close-packed array.

The claims which read onto that species are claims 1, 2, 6 to 12, 14 and 16 to 19. This election however is made with traverse

Please examine at least the identified claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 10, 2006 and October 19, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith

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(or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

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